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SUBJECT: SCANDINAVIANS PREPARED TO PROVIDE UN PEACE-KEEPING
FORCE FOR MIDDLE-EAST

1. NORWEGIAN DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL HAS STATED THAT NORWAY,
SWEDEN, DENMARK AND FINLAND ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A 4-POWER,
5,200 MAN PEACE KEEPING FORCE FOR SERVICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IF
REQUESTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS. DEFENSE MINISTER MADE
STATEMENT DURING NATIONALLY BROADCAST RADIO INTERVIEW
FOLLOWING OCT 17-18 MEETING OF NORDIC DEFENSE MINISTERS AT
ROROS, IN CENTRAL NORWAY.

2. MINISTERS WERE BRIEFED ON CURRENT SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST
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AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF ESCALATION OF CRISIS.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, NORWAY WOULD CONTRIBUTE 1290 MEN AND 4-POWER FORCE COULD BE READY TO DEPART 6 DAYS FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION TO RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY CONTACT IN DEFENSE MINISTRY, ROROS MEETING WAS OTHERWISE QUITE UNEVENTFUL. SOURCE ADDED THAT NECESSARY STAFF WORK AND COORDINATION INCLUDING JOINT TRAINING FOR 4-POWER FORCE HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND PEACE KEEPING UNIT WAS IN HIGH STATE OF READINESS. BYRNE UNQUOTE RUSH

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